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OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF GRANTHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1875.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

DISBURSEMENTS.

FOR SCHOOLS.

District No. 1, Paid Joseph H. Goss,	\$166 61
" 2, Merrill J. Hastings,	66 53
" 3, Wm. B. Leavitt,	102 18
" 4, Simeon Smith,	40 00
" 5, Wm. H. Miller,	44 08
" 6, George Currier,	55 07
" 7, Edwin Howard,	39 21
" 8, Albert B. Stocker,	68 65
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	\$582 33

Paid State Tax,	\$516 00
County Tax,	530 50
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	\$1,046 50

Paid Joseph H. Goss, interest on notes,	\$30 78
Wm. Smith, Sanborn note interest,	61 80
John Whitaker, on note,	12 06
Mehitable Brown, on note,	60 00
George Currier, on note,	23 48
Congregational Society, on note,	92 94
Joseph H. Goss, "	343 36
B. F. Goss, "	42 00
Aaron Quimby, "	198 53
Nancy Sanborn, "	65 70
W. P. Patridge, "	6 00
Elias Powers, "	135 06
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	\$1,071 71

Paid Carlton Barton, on note,	37 87
Susan B. Smith, on note,	27 00
Samuel Emerson, on note,	33 65
Methodist Society, on note,	6 00
Margaret Rollins, on note,	42 25
Luria A. Hibbard, on note,	38 08
Note No. 23,	2 47
Aaron Quimby, on note,	100 00
Oscar F. Buswell, on note,	37 08
O. V. Eastman, note,	150 10
Rufus Hall, interest,	72 00

DAMAGE ON SHEEP BY DOGS.

Paid W. B. Bartlett,	5 00
K. D. Smith,	25 00
F. C. Colby,	15 00
D. B. Frye,	15 00

	\$60 00
Dog Tax, 1873, \$41 00	
“ 1874, 42 00	

	\$83 00
Abated,	3 00

	\$80 00
Appropriated for schools,	\$20 00

FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Paid Mrs. Lewis and family,	\$159 63
Lydia Hastings,	61 75
Mrs. Buckley,	5 00
Mrs. Buel,	56 00
Isaac Drake,	59 54
Laura A. Hibbard,	7 00
Jennie Jenks,	26 00
Wm. T. Chase, for G. W. Chase,	35 00

	\$409 92

Paid Denis Hibbard, hay for Mrs. Lewis,	\$4 25
A. Walker, sawing wood,	1 50
B. A. Sargent, one trunk,	2 00
Sanborn & Co., stationery,	6 35
Printing town reports,	12 00
J. B. Hastings, work on roads, 1873,	3 50
Samuel W. H. Clark, tax abated,	2 24
D. E. Davis and Nathan Hastings, work on road,	11 50
Josiah Leavitt, work on road,	4 50
Simeon Smith, work on road,	20 00
Dr. Moody, damage on road,	5 00
Marshall Eastman, damage on road,	10 00
Richard Howard, work and plank on road,	37 11
John P. Hall, work on highway,	53 06

	\$173 01

	\$582 93
Paid Harriett Clough, work on road, 1872,	\$4 94
Henry P. Howe, "	4 50
George Coburn, breaking road, 1872,	5 00
Oliver Nichols, labor on road, 1872,	22 00
Three checklists,	25
Wm. B. Leavitt, digging one grave,	2 00
J. C. Burpee, labor, plank and water trough,	9 97
Samuel Emerson, use of scraper and water trough,	5 00
Mrs. Lewis, water trough,	2 00
Wm. T. Chase, work on road,	3 76
N. Shedd, "	4 65
George Currier, labor on road,	5 74
Rufus Hall, services with horse,	17 00
O. D. Thompson, labor on road,	5 00
J. J. Morse, lumber,	4 88
A. Merrill, labor on road,	75
M. J. Hastings, "	6 00
G. F. Peabody, damage and labor on road,	12 20

Paid J. S. Clement, labor on road,	7 00
Joab Walker, 118 feet plank, on road,	1 18
John Hastings, labor on road,	8 35
Daniel Stone, for the support of Ruth Stone,	35 00
H. Alexander & Son, labor on road,	20 00
Wm. Wallace, damage on road,	20 00
D. M. Bean, labor on road,	8 80
John Clark, lumber and labor on road,	118 00
" collecting taxes, 1874,	30 00
J. H. Goss, labor on road,	4 00
A. Quimby, "	4 51
J. Clark, non-resident road tax worked,	5 13
H. E. Brown, labor on road,	4 50
Albert Shedd, labor,	2 00
John Whitaker, repairing bridge,	3 56
Harriet Clough, Superintending School Committee,	16 35
James Barton, labor on road,	2 10
W. H. Miller, labor on Leavitt and Springfield roads, and plank,	40 19
J. D. Hemphill, for postage, express and council,	7 00
E. G. Sargent, Town Clerk,	12 00
D. E. Rider, services as Selectman,	20 00
W. H. Miller, services as Selectman,	24 00
J. D. Hemphill, " " and Treasurer,	50 00
Taxes abated in 1872, 1873 and 1874,	71 24
School books, per order Superintending School Com.,	1 00
John Hall, damage on road,	1 00
Wm. H. Hastings, for care of Allen and Betsey Kidder, in 1871,	8 50

THE SELECTMEN CREDIT THE TOWN OF GRANTHAM AS FOLLOWS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY 19, 1875:

Taxes assessed in 1874,	\$3,864 06
Rec'd of L. D. Dunbar, Treasurer,	163 59
of Sullivan County,	361 77
Savings Bank Tax,	171 95
Railroad Tax,	47 04
Literary Fund,	59 04
of Moses P. Burpee, cash borrowed,	125 00

Rec'd of Joseph H. Goss, cash borrowed,	200 00
of B. A. Sargent, "	170 00
of Kirk D. Smith, "	100 00
of Azuba Sawyer, "	150 00
of Etta M. Ryder, "	25 00
of S. Littlefield, Guardian for S. Davis, do.,	189 00
of John Merrill, note and interest,	219 84
of W. S. W. Chase, lease money,	12 00
of D. M. Bean, "	4 55
of H. J. Walker, "	12 50
of A. Hull, "	6 00
of B. Sargent, "	14 00
of D. M. Bean, "	7 65
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	\$2,038 93
Rec'd of John Clark,	\$3,167 99
Whole amount received,	5,206 92
" paid out,	4,531 02
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Leaving a balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$675 90
Notes outstanding against the town,	\$20,911 52
Estimated interest on same,	1,254 69
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Notes and interest,	\$22,166 21
Availabilities,	4,347 67
	—————
	\$17,818 54

AVAILABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Due on leases,	\$43 75
Due on Collector's book, 1872,	128 02
John Clark's note,	2,500 00
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	675 90
Stock in Sugar River Railroad,	1,000 00
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Debt above availabilities,	\$4,347 67
All of which is respectfully submitted.	\$17,818 54

J. D. HEMPHILL, } Selectmen
W. H. MILLER, } of
DAVID E. RYDER, } Grantham.

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
OF
GRANTHAM, N. H.

The Committee respectfully submits the following report of the condition of the schools for the year ending March, 1875.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Joseph H. Goss, Prudential Committee. *Summer Term.* Taught by Elbra B. Sargent, an accomplished lady, who gave good instruction and won the respect and esteem of all the scholars. The singing at the close was listened to with much pleasure. Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy:

Fannie V. Howe, Sarah H. Rollins, Alice E. Lewis, Ida E. Lewis.

Winter Term. Taught by Dayid B. Frye, an experienced teacher, who has taught this school several terms before. At the examination, near its close, I was much pleased and interested in all the recitations and noticed the promptness of the scholars in giving their answers and illustrating principles. But really he needs no words of commendation to add to his reputation as a teacher.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Merrill J. Hastings, Prudential Committee. Miss Ella O. Hastings taught the Summer Term. She *tried hard* to do her duty; but the term being very short and a lack of interest in both parents and children, but little improvement was made. Charles M. Hastings, Ora C. Hastings, neither absent nor tardy.

Winter Term. Taught by David B. Frye. Mr. Frye labored under the disadvantage of teaching in his own district. On my last visit found that some of the scholars had left for reasons best known to themselves. The school appeared well, and those who were regular in attendance made good progress. The first classes in Arithmetic and Grammar were better than we usually find in district schools.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Prudential Committee, William B. Leavitt. *Summer Term.* Taught by Miss Irene W. Hemphill, an experienced teacher. The school appeared well on visiting it, and at its close found a good degree of progress had been made. She strove, not so

much to get over a great deal of ground, as to have her scholars understand thoroughly what they did learn. They particularly excelled in Reading and Grammar. Imla S. Brown and Alida Emerson, neither absent nor tardy.

Harriet G. Clough taught the Winter Term. Arithmetic and Algebra received particular attention, eleven going through the Common School Arithmetic, three through Algebra and reviewing each. There are *certainly more* good scholars in this school than in any other in town. Imla S. Brown, Mary E. Clough, Kate B. Clough, neither absent nor tardy. John L. Brown, not absent—tardy once.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Simeon Smith, Prudential Committee. *Summer and Fall Terms.* Taught by Harriet G. Clough, who labored hard for the benefit of the school, and the small scholars made good improvement.

We hope the district will make some repairs on their school-house, as much certainly as to replace a few panes of glass.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Prudential Committee, William H. Miller. This school had only one Term, taught by Nellie L. Clough, who has taught in this district three terms. Found some as good scholars, of their age, in this school as any in town. There were more general questions asked and promptly answered than in any other school visited. Kate Buckley, Mary Buckley, Hannah Buckley, neither absent nor tardy. Mary A. Fisher, not absent—tardy once.

DISTRICT No. 6.

George Currier, Prudential Committee. Grace I. Spiller, teacher. She was well qualified to teach, and with a little more energy would be a first-class teacher. As it was, however, not so much improvement was made as was expected at the first visit. The writing books were worth looking at, being so neat and clean and the *improvement so marked*. Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy: Anna J. Currier, Willie W. Hanks, Fred C. Rollins.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Mr. E. Howard, Prudential Committee. Irene W. Hemphill, teacher. This is the smallest school in town, and the scholars have nothing to do but learn, which I am glad to say they did, to a degree quite commendable to both teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Albert B. Stocker, Prudential Committee. Lucy M. Clough

taught the Summer and Winter Terms, to the general satisfaction of the district. We noticed particularly the promptness of all the scholars in whatever they attempted to do. Every word could be distinctly heard in any part of the room. Names of scholars not absent or tardy during the Summer Term: Angie B. Colby, Frank A. Colby, Fannie E. Goss, Ira Sanborn. Winter Term. Angie B. Colby, Fannie E. Goss, Geo. Colby, Frank Colby.

How to educate our children in the best possible manner, in economy of time and expense, is a question that requires the attention and best thought of all our citizens. From them are to come the pillars or the upholding of all our institutions, the honor of the Town, State and Nation. It is not possible for us to imagine in this enlightened land the darkness, misery and degradation which would everywhere prevail should our *Common School System* be abolished. It is the education of the masses that makes us the most powerful and flourishing nation on the globe. It is the foundation of everything great and noble everywhere, and its fruits are incalculable; so "Let us not be weary in well doing," for we may yet look for greater results as the subject receives more attention and is carried to a greater degree of perfection.

A word to parents. Let a Prudential Committee be chosen in each district who will expend the money to the best advantage, by employing competent, working teachers, let it cost what it will, and then see that your children are at school in season and every day. Why do parents allow their children to remain at home for such *trivial causes*? Many think they can be absent, tardy, or dismissed, two or three days in a week, without checking their progress, but it is a great mistake. Let nothing but sickness or impassable roads keep them away for even a half-day.

The teachers in Grantham this year are all residents of the town; a fact worthy of notice, and speaks well for the town and its schools heretofore.

HARRIET G. CLOUGH, S. S. Com.

TABLE.

		NAMES		Wages per month.		Length of school in weeks of five days.		Average attendance.		No. of tardy.		No. times absent.		Visits of S. S. Com.		Visits of P. Com.		Visits of others.		No. of dismissals.	
		OF																			
		TEACHERS.																			
No. of District.	No. of Terms.																				
1	2	Elbra B. Sargent.		20 00	9	22	20	69	56	18	23	2	3	1	4	2	3	4	1	4	1
		David B. Frye.		45 00	12	29	23 13-60	164	50	2	9	2	3	2	3	2	3	4	1	4	1
2	2	Ella O. Hastings.		16 00	6	10	8	11	50	2	9	2	3	2	3	2	3	4	1	4	1
		David B. Frye.		32 50	6-2-5 11	8	45	50	50	2	9	2	3	2	3	2	3	4	1	4	1
3	2	Irene W. Hemphill.		22 00	9	23	20	49	55	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	2	3	1
		Harriet G. Clough.		20 00	13	38	29	73	184	2	16	2	16	2	16	2	16	2	16	2	16
4	2	Harriet G. Clough.		12 00	5	9	23	16	16	2	16	2	16	2	16	2	16	2	16	2	16
		Harriet G. Clough.		12 00	8	15	11	27	64	2	16	2	16	2	16	2	16	2	16	2	16
5	1	Nellie L. Clough.		20 00	14	11	9	9	50	2	1	1	26	1	26	1	26	1	26	1	26
6	1	Grace I. Spiller.		16 60	10	15	12	8	46	2	1	1	7	1	7	1	7	1	7	1	7
7	2	Irene W. Hemphill.		22 00	11	7	4	5	92	2	1	1	17	1	17	1	17	1	17	1	17
10	2	Lucy M. Clough.		23 00	9	14	12	2	14	2	2	2	19	1	19	1	19	1	19	1	19
		Lucy M. Clough.		28 00	12	21	19	13	48	2	1	1	31	1	31	1	31	1	31	1	31